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SUBJECT: FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE 1973 ENDANGERED
SPECIES CONVENTION, BERN, SWITZERLAND, NOVEMBER 2-6, 1976,
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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING WRITTEN RESPONSE TO
REFTEL MESSAGE FROM A.R. BOYD, DIRECTOR, SCIENCE AND
ENVIRONMENT DIVISION, EXTAFF:

BEGIN QUOTE

THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AGREE IN PRINCIPLE
WITH THE APPROACH OUTLINED IN THE ABOVE MESSAGE AND THE
CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE WILL SUPPORT A
MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA ALONG THE LINES PROPOSED BY
THE UNITED STATES.

IT ALSO IS OBVIOUS TO US THAT, FOR THE CONVENTION TO BE
REALLY EFFECTIVE, MORE STATES, PARTICULARLY PRODUCING
STATES, MUST BECOME INVOLVED. THUS, IN OUR VIEW,
THE FIRST PRIORITY OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO
THE CONVENTION SHOULD BE CONSIDERATION OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION BY PRODUCING
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STATES. THIS COULD INCLUDE, FOR PURPOSES OF

CLARIFICATION, DISCUSSION OF THE CONVENTION ARTICLES AND, IF CHANGEA RE FOUND TO BE NECESSARY, THE CALLING OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XVII. DISCUSSION ALSO SHOULD INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECRETARIAT.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SCREENING OF SPECIES AT PRESENT INCLUDED IN AND PROPOSED FOR APPENDICES I AND II. AS A FIRST PRIORITY, APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES SHOULD ESTABLISH CRITERIA TO BE MET BY ALL SPECIES CONTAINED IN APPENDICES I AND II. A STANDING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SET UP TO (A) REVIEW ALL SPECIES AT PRESENT INCLUDED IN APPENDICES I AND II TO ENSURE THAT THEY MEET THE CRITERIA, AND (B) REVIEW ALL PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO APPENDICES BEFORE SUCH PROPOSALS ARE TABLED BEFORE FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES. IF TIME ALLOWS, THE STANDING COMMITTEE SHOULD COMMENCE AN EVLAUTION OF SPECIES CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN APPENDIX I.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE BERN MEETING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
HEAD OF DELEGATION AND REPRESENTATIVE: J.A. KEITH, DIRECTOR, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BRANCH, CANADIAN WILDLIFE DIRECTORATE, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT;
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE: JOHN B. HEPPES, ADMINISTRATOR, CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT;
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE: GORDON R. KERR, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND WILDLIFE, GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA;
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE: EUGENE LAPINTE, HEAD, RESEARCH ANALYSES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS SECTION, EXPORT AND IMPORT PERMITS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE;
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE: CAROL W. RICHARDSON, PROJECTS OFFICER, EXTERNAL PROGRAMS DEVELOPMENT, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE;
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ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE: LILLIAN THOMPSON, FIRST SECRETARY AND CONSUL, CANADIAN EMBASSY, BERNE, SWITZERLAND. END QUOTE.
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